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TEEN VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO MAKING SENIORS LIVES BETTER

Teen Volunteers Give Thousands of Hours to Nursing Home Residents

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) *Spotlight* features the hard work of the teenage volunteers at Bruceville Terrace in Elk Grove. Bruceville Terrace is a nursing home facility that uses teen volunteers to improve the care provided to the residents.

Twenty-five dedicated teens provide thousands of hours of work to the residents at Bruceville Terrace. These young adults ensure that the residents receive the best care possible. On days when activities are outside the facility, the teens coordinate wheel chair transports for the residents that need help getting around. They deliver refreshments to the residents during activities, when the residents are in their rooms, or in the common areas. They play games with the residents which includes calling bingo, playing card games and working on puzzles. Every Saturday they organize a movie and make popcorn for the residents.

"We need more teenagers like those serving at Bruceville Terrace, because they recognize what an important difference a volunteer can make," Executive Director of GO SERV, David Muraki said. "They are setting a new standard of excellence for their generation"

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